

EFFECTIVE

May 1, 2014.

Subject(s)

All new FAP applications that were not certified before March 10, 2014, when the Agricultural Act of 2014 went into effect, will be reprocessed to follow the MANDATORY HEAT AND UTILITY STANDARD section and will be required to provide verification once the systems changes are completed on May 1, 2014.

Under the Agricultural Act of 2014, in order for a client to receive the h/u standard because of the home heating credit (HHC), the client must have received the HHC in an amount greater than \$20 in the current month or in the immediately preceding 12 months. The HHC must be verified; client statement is no longer acceptable.

Under the Agricultural Act of 2014, in order for a client to receive the h/u standard because of a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act (LIHEAP) payment, the client must have received either: (1) a LIHEAP payment; or (2) a LIHEAP payment was made on their behalf. Either payment must be in an amount greater than \$20 in the current month or the immediately preceding 12 months.

Note: LIHEAP payments may include SER energy related payments or MEAP payments. The LIHEAP payment must be verified; client statement is no longer acceptable.

Reason: Policy clarification.

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